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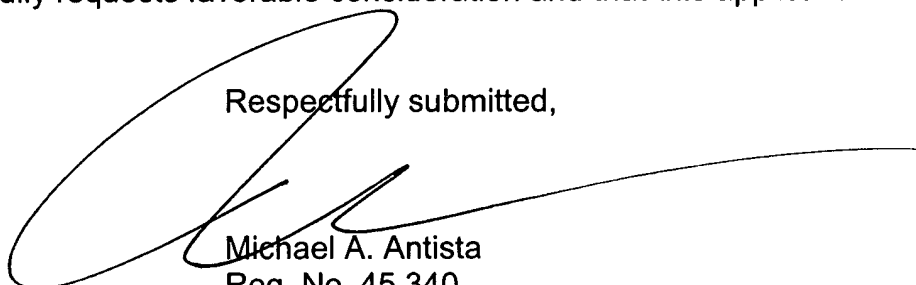
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This Information Disclosure Statement is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(b)(4), with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), submitted herewith. Accordingly no petition or fee is required.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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